# Mojave Weed Management Area

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#### Introduction

Weed Management Areas are local organizations that bring together landowners and managers in a county or other geographical area to coordinate efforts and expertise against common invasive weed species. They try to address the problem of both agricultural and wildland weeds, and assist private landowners with their weed management efforts.

# Advantages

- Coordinate efforts on a watershed or landscape basis (across jurisdictional lines) to halt the spread of invasive weeds and restore areas to a healthy condition
- Share information and resources
- Assist private landowners
- Goals usually include:
  - Cooperation with landowners and managers
  - Enhance mapping and planning efforts
  - Education and outreach

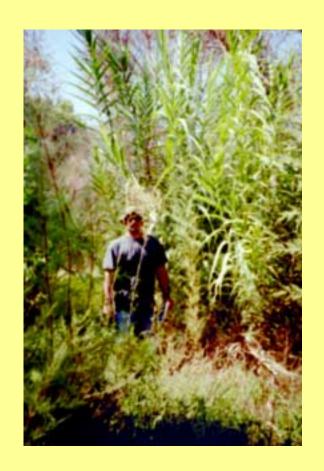


## Mojave WMA

- SB 1740 funding for WMAs
- Mojave desert RCD lead agency
- Start-up meeting
- Networking
- Cooperative agreement Memorandum of Understanding
- Annual plan (SB 1740 work plan) annual projects, expected in-kind funding needed, basis for outside grant proposals
  - Saltcedar control project Dec 2002
  - Sahara mustard pilot control project
  - Informational brochure for 13 priority species



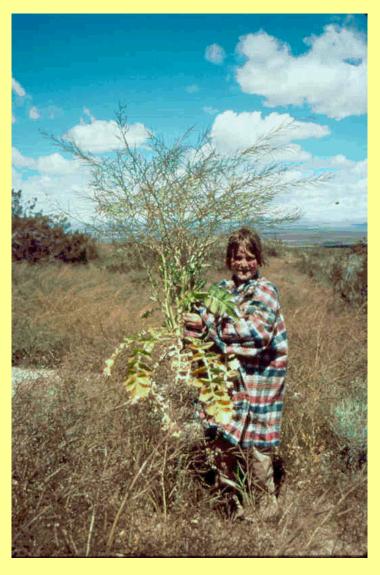
Saltcedar - Mojave River Narrows



Giant reed



Russian olive
Mojave River Narrows



Sahara mustard

# The Future - Planning

- Long Range Plan long-term direction
- New Annual Plan
- Funding restoring, improving, and protecting habitat
- Education essential element
  - I mpacts of invasive species:
    - Lower property values
    - Decrease wildlife habitat
    - Increase erosion
    - Lower water quality
    - Reduce recreation opportunities
    - Increase agriculture costs
    - Disrupt productive ecosystems

### Conclusion

Essential Elements: Partners & Planning

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